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Sir:

Applicants by their attorney, petition for a three-month extension of time to file a response to the October 10, 2001, official action in the above-identified application.

Submitted herewith is our check in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the patent application processing fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2). Any additional required fee may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855. Any overpayment should be refunded to the undersigned attorney's law firm at the address indicated below.

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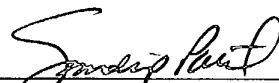
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